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11. (SBU) Pol/Econ Chief delivered ref points on North Korean Missile Launches to MFA Americas Desk officer Elchin Bashirov on July 6. Bashirov said that although Azerbaijan was following this issue, because North Korea is not geographically close to Azerbaijan, he did not expect the MFA to issue a statement or otherwise react to the launches. Pol/Econ Chief reminded Bashirov that North Korea also is a proliferator of ballistic missile technology to rogue states, including Iran, and that such action poses a threat to all of Iran's neighbors. Bashirov took note of the point.
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